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SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF PLO OFFICE IN BANGUI

REF: BANGUI 59 (NOTAL)

1. SUDANESE AMBASSADOR KAMAL MUSTAFA ELMAKKI TOLD ME JUNE 12 THAT PLO REP SALMAN AL-HARAFI, WHO WAS A MEMBER OF DELEGATION WHIC VISITED BANGUI IN MARCH, CAME HERE AGAIN FOR SEVERAL DAYS LAST WEEK. ELMAKKI REPORTS THAT HE HIMSELF MET TWICE WITH AL-HARAFI, YANGONGO, FORMER SECY OF STATE FOR FONAFF AND IRAQUI CHARGE ISAM AB'DAL-GHANI MAHBOUB.

2. AL-HARAFI TOLD ELMAKKI THAT HE SATISFIED GOCAR WILL FINALLY PERMIT PLO TO OPEN OFFICE HERE AND HIS ORGANIZATION WILL ACCORDINGLY START RECRUITING PERSONNEL. IN THIS CONNECTION AL-HARAFI STATED BOKASSA TOLD HIM HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE HIM HERE AS PLO REP. BUT HE PREFERS PRESENT POSITION AS HEAD OF AFRICAN BUREAU OF PLO POLITICAL BRANCH AND DECLINED. NEVERTHELESS, BOKASSA REPORTED OFFERED PLO OFFICE SPACE AND CAR.

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3. AL-HARAFI TOLD YANGONGO, BLMAKKI AND MAHBOUB THAT OFFICE

HERE WILL BE BRANCH REPORTING TO MAIN OFFICE IN KINSHASA,
WHICH HAS JUST BEEN AUTHORIZED BY PRESIDENT MOBUTU.

4. PLO REP ADDED THAT HIS FIRST TASK WILL BE TO DISSUADE
GOCAR FROM MOVING CLOSER TO ISRAEL AND SOUTH AFRICA. IN
THIS CONNECTION, PLO REP REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THAT BOKASSA
IS DISSAPOINTED IN ARAB OIL PRODUCERS FOR FAILING SUPPLY
SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO GOCAR AND IS THEREFORE MOVING BACK
TOWARDS ISRAEL.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD SAME RUMORS AND BELIEVE BOKASSA
NOW MOVING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS AT ONCE, SEEKING AID.
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